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## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. Since December 1953 the Lenin steel works in the vicinity of Nikolaevo<sup>1</sup> (N 42-33, E 22-56) has been operating at approximately 20 percent of its capacity. It will scarcely attain full capacity before the end of 1956. 25X1
2. The first blast furnace will not be put into operation before 1955. Although the rolling-mill is completed, it is not in operation because of a shortage of raw material. The manufacture of iron girders, iron rails, and rough parts for agricultural machinery and reinforcing iron is contemplated for the future. The necessary ore comes from the neighboring vicinity. The Bulgarian coal, however, is unusable and, consequently, coal must be imported from Poland and Czechoslovakia.
3. A small quantity of machine tools for delivery from the part of the factory now in operation has been turned out consisting of the following:
  - a. Automatic lathes;
  - b. Table drill presses;
  - c. Vertical milling machines; and
  - d. Pneumatic hammers.
4. After the first blast furnace is in operation (the end of 1954 or beginning of 1955), the following will be enlarged in subsequent stages:
  - a. Two blast furnaces;
  - b. Several (Siemens) Martin furnaces;
  - c. A sheet rolling-mill, intended, among other things, for the manufacture of laminated iron.

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5. Annual production is allegedly as follows:

- a. Steel -- 100,000 tons;
- b. Rolling material -- 50,000 tons; and
- c. Machine castings -- 140,000 tons.

Equipment for the rolling mill was supplied by the USSR.

1.  Comment: Probably the Lenin Metallurgical Plant at Dimitrovo.

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